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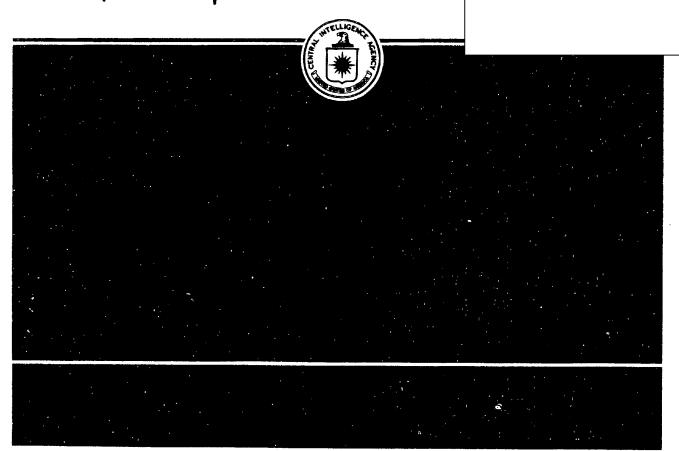
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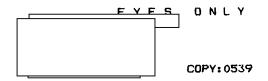
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CHINA: Accelerated Nuclear Testing	Schedule
China has accelerated its nuclear test	schedule and plans to conduct
seven tests by 1996,	
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may be a reaction to growing internat comprehensive nuclear test ban in 19	
Beijing to cut some tests as a concessi	on to the international
community without halting all testing argue that their testing program has b	een insignificant in comparison
with the nuclear superpowers. Beijing strategic systems under development	wants to continue to test for its
systems to be developed in the future.	

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